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$700 billion bailout passes

Region experts discuss causes, effects

Brian Bultema
Managing Editor

The House of Representatives approved the controversial $700 billion Wall Street bailout Friday morning, reversing its earlier rejection of the proposal and pushing the bill to President George W. Bush who signed it within hours.

The bill was first brought to the attention of Congress by Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke two weeks ago to revive struggling financial institutions and to unfreeze credit markets.

Though the bill has been unpopular with many taxpayers, 78 percent supported a version of the bailout of Wall Street, according to a Sept. 30 Gallup poll. Thirty representatives reversed their initial no vote of the bill Friday, after several revisions to the first draft included an increase of the FDIC insurance to $250,000 and a stipulation allowing homeowners to have their homes re-priced.

Indiana senators Evan Bayh and Richard Lugar both voted to support the bill Wednesday, and 1st District Rep. Pete Visclosky remained one of two Indiana Democrats in opposition to it both times.

Visclosky said in an issued statement Congress was being pressured by Bush to operate too quickly. He compared the pressure to the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003.

"The Bush Administration is rushing us into spending $700 billion without stopping to think things through, because there just isn't time for thinking," Visclosky said.

After its passage Friday, Visclosky said he was disappointed such a vague bill was heaved onto U.S. taxpayers so quickly, and the effects of a one-time stimulus remain unclear.

As business opens for the first time after the bill's passage this week, Professor Pat Obi, of the Department of Finance and Economics, said the immediate effects will be minimal. He said more financial institutions will likely crumble in coming months due to the "pick and choose" nature of the bailout, which he calls the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act.

"This is a discriminatory bill," Obi said. "But the only way to salvage the economy is by picking and choosing the financial institutions to save."

Obi, who specializes in macroeconomics, said the bill was necessary now if not sooner because of suffering financial institutions and

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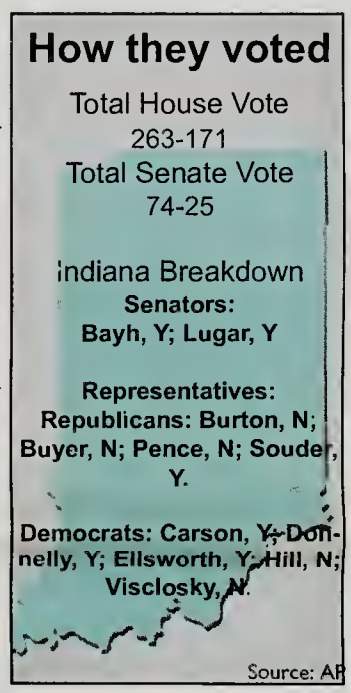
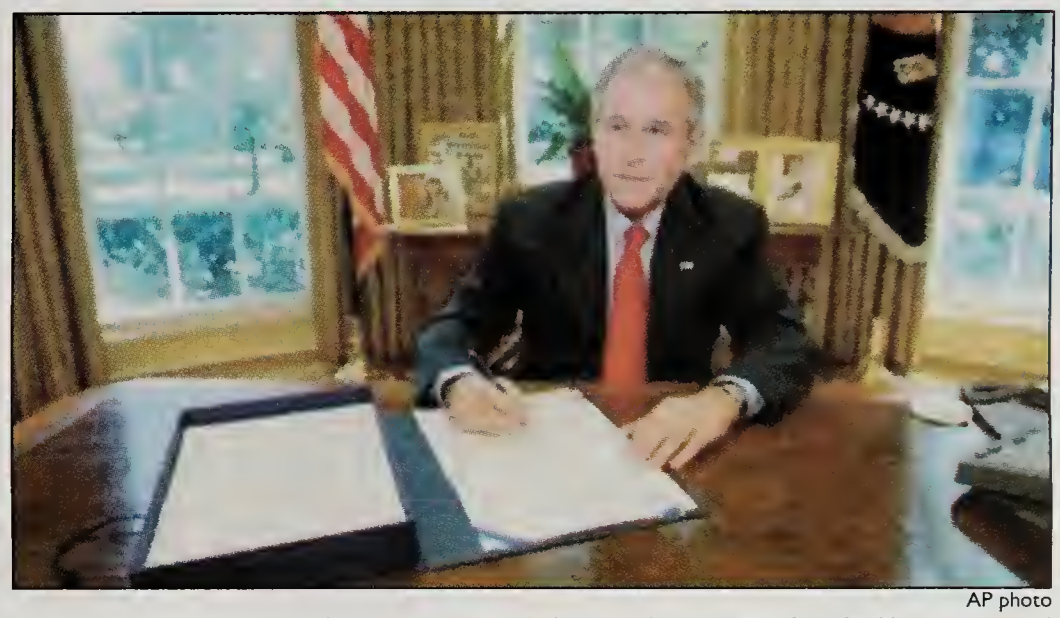



AP photo
President George W. Bush signs the proposed bailout package hours after the House reversed its decision and passed it.

AP Photo
Protesters of the bailout plan gather outside the U.S. Capitol Building Friday.

SGA names interim leaders

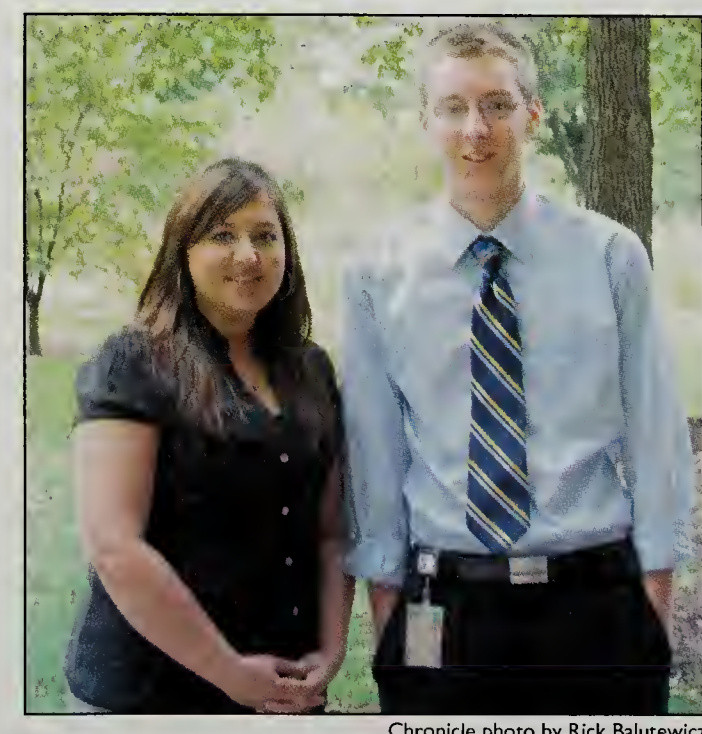
Jennifer Gonsiorowski
Chronicle Correspondent

Last semester the Student Government Association was shut down by the administration while a joint restructuring committee worked out a new model of student government for PUC's campus this semester.

But the committee decided it was important to have student leadership throughout the duration of the restructuring process. An interim student board was nominated and voted on by the restructuring committee last week. These individuals have previously or currently serve in various student leadership positions at PUC.

Interim President David Ober will lead SGA, with Raquel Perez as vice president and Steve Foreman as the finance secretary.

Once the restructuring process concludes, these positions will be eliminated and new SGA leaders will be chosen by student elections.


Chronicle photo by Rick Balutewicz
Interim Vice President Raquel Perez and Interim President David Ober will head up the SGA during its restructuring process.

Ober said there are some misunderstandings about SGA's involvement on campus this year.

The organization wasn't maintaining the level of student involvement necessary for them to meet their goals so the SGA decided to dismantle and begin the process of creating a new model, according to Ober.

"The committee is searching for a model that provides a strong platform for communication between students and administrators as well as emphasizes student involvement on campus and community outreach," he said.

The restructuring process is still in the beginning phases. Their first task is to create a structure that will support new growth on campus.

As indicated by interim Vice-President Raquel Perez, "We're working as hard as possible and doing the best we can without rushing things. A strong Student Government for the students is what's important."

The restructuring committee decided that the organization needed a new image that will hopefully change the perception that students have of what SGA does on campus. They have developed a new logo and an updated website that represents the new direction that the committee is taking.

Though the primary goal is to find a working structure, the SGA is also dedicated to the PUC students and their concerns. The new model will emphasize collaboration with faculty and administration to address student concerns.

Any student who would like to be involved or voice a concern should do so via email at studentgovernment@calumet.purdue.edu.

What's Going On?

A Look Around...

Fine Arts Student Association

The Fine Arts Student Association is calling all painters, writers, photographers, musicians and graphic artists to join their organization. All PUC students, aspiring artists and alumni are welcome to take advantage of the free membership.

Clothing Drive for Flood Victims

Those interested in assisting flood victims may do so by dropping off supplies at the McNair Office in SUL, Student Support Services in SUL or the SUL-Concourse until Nov. 1.

Therapy Available for Flood Victims

PUC's Couple and Family Therapy Center is offering individual, couple and family therapy to victims of the Northwest Indiana floods.

Therapy is free of charge and appointments can be made by contacting the CFC at (219) 989-2027.

Depression Screening

The PUC Professional Counselors is holding free depression screenings for National Depression Screening Day on Oct. 8 and Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be held in the SUL-Concourse or students may come to the Counseling Center in Gyte 5.

Students may pick up pamphlets or complete a free screening. For more information, call the Counseling Center at (219) 989-2366.

Active Minds

The student organization Active Minds is looking for new members this semester. The organization's goal is to increase awareness of mental health issues and symptoms of mental illness and serve as a liaison between students and the mental health community.

Interested students may contact Active Minds by sending an email to counsel@calumet.purdue.edu.

Free HIV Testing

The Aliveness Project is sponsoring free, confidential HIV testing on Oct. 8 and Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in SUL 321.

Backpacks to Briefcases

The Backpacks to Briefcases series will continue this week with a seminar on how students can gain the most out of CCO and CareerTrax. The seminar will teach students to tap into on campus recourses for jobs. The event will be held in SUL 307 on Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The seminar is sponsored by the Office of Career Services. For more information, call 989-2600 or visit SUL 349.

Good Morning Café

Student Activities is sponsoring Good Morning Café, where students and faculty can enjoy a free cup of coffee or hot chocolate. The event will be held in the SUL Concourse on Oct. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Lugar/Visclosky Energy Forum and Expo

PUC is hosting a forum and expo event on Oct. 7 to address alternative energy solutions in the United States and Indiana from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Calumet Conference Center. The forum will include remarks from Congressman Pete Visclosky and Senator Richard Lugar and a panel on the topic of Oil Alternatives and Indiana Opportunities. The expo will include private industry, higher education and government examples on attaining alternative energy solutions.

The event requires registration. To register, contact Kathy Walters at (765) 494-2758 or kw@purdue.edu or go to the homepage of PUC at calumet.purdue.edu.

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Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

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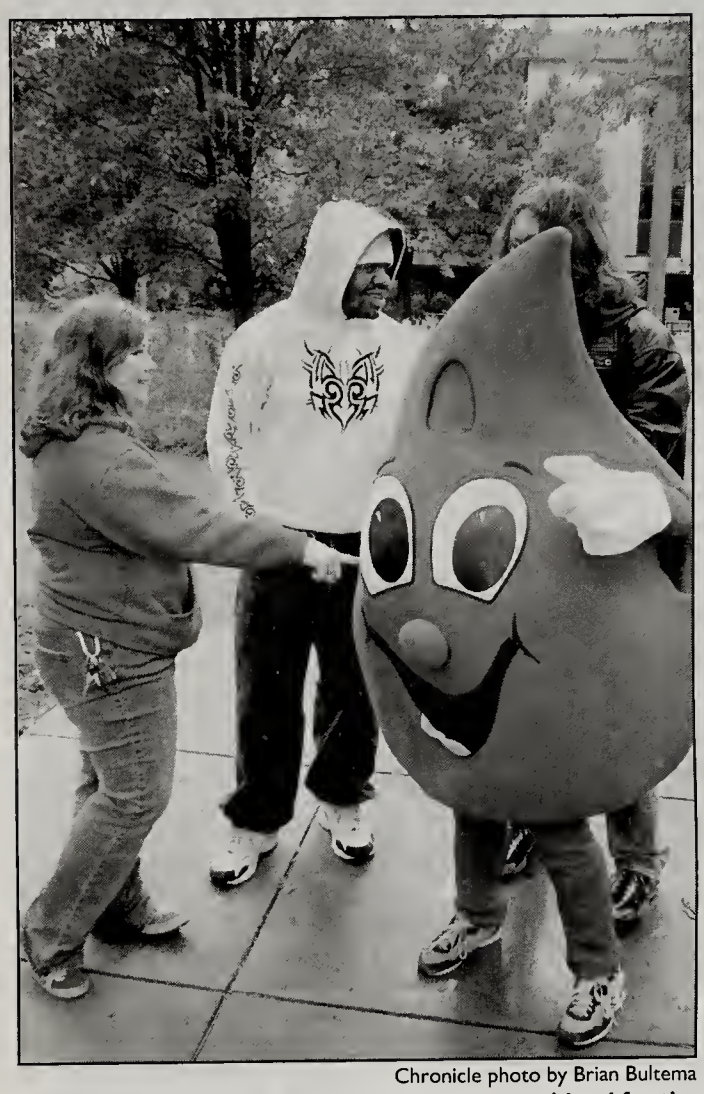

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Charlie Corpuscle implores students to donate blood for the Red Cross blood drive held on campus on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Northwest Indiana chapter of the Red Cross began in 1917.

Counseling Center hosts Coming Out Day

Event meant to give GLBTQs a voice

Steven VanderVelde
Chronicle Correspondent

The Counseling Center at PUC will sponsor National Coming Out Day this week to raise awareness and acceptance of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals.

Jackson

Gillotti

Resource tables will be in CLO from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 6, and in SUL during the same timeframe on Oct. 7. Information and resource guides will be available for people of all sexual orientations.

"This event is to give the gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered and queer community a voice in saying who they are versus accepting what others tell them they are," Kenneth Jackson, director of the PUC Counseling Center, said.

Jackson said the event is meant for all students.

"Even straight students can obtain resources to help them understand socialization, chances are they presently know somebody who is GLBTQ or will work with somebody who is," Jackson said. "Our hope is to provide information so people can care about people who are different than themselves."

Cathy Gillotti, professor of communication and creative arts, strongly supports the Counseling Center's efforts in favor of National Coming Out Day.

"I came out to myself almost 10 years ago and have been blessed with a supportive network of friends, family and coworkers," Gillotti said. "While I did not make the grand announcement on National Coming Out Day, I feel that it is important to recognize this as a significant step for many individuals in claiming their authentic identities and living an authentic life."

The Counseling Center hopes to raise awareness about some of the difficulty the GLBTQ community faces daily.

"People think that GLBTQ had a choice to be straight, and that is not true," Gillotti said. "When did straight people decide to be straight?"

Gillotti found PUC to be an overall friendly and supportive place to work in regards to her sexual orientation.

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Cathy Gillotti, professor of communications

"I think the important piece is that [sexual orientation] doesn't seem to matter, and that is ultimately how I think it should be," Gillotti said. "Instead of people reacting with statements of approval or disapproval, it is refreshing when it really just is not a big deal because after all, our sexuality is merely one aspect of who we are in this world."

CTIS Connection

Information Technology Services at Purdue University Calumet

Macs on Campus

Everyone knows Microsoft. It's the heavy hitter on campus with most of the labs and the recourses directed towards it. But what about the Computer Graphics people and the English majors and cveryone who carries around an iBook? Well, guess what, we support you too. Versions 10.4 and 10.5 are already supported. Soon we hope to even get Macs to work with active directory.

Mac Resources

- **Calnet** - Mac laptops can be connected to Calnet just as easily as Windows laptops. Just like their Windows counterparts, instructions can be found on http://calumet.purdue.edu/wireless or you can come down to GYTE 133 for assistance.
- **Mac Labs** - We currently have four Mac labs on campus. Two of them are accessible students outside of class. These are located in ANDR 216 and GYTE 143
- **Partnership with Apple** - PUC now has a custom Apple store and is a member in iTunesU. Through this you can get great deals on Mac products. You can even get quotes on Apple machines through CTIS.
- **Hardware** - Though wc currently can't fix Mac hardware issues, we are working on becoming a fully authorized shop in the future.

www.calumet.purdue.edu/ctis

Your feedback on our services is always welcome. Please send your comments to Customer Service Center at csc@calumet.purdue.edu.

Where it's happening

Information and resource guides available at:

Monday
Oct. 6 in the CLO Concourse from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday
Oct. 7 in the SUL Concourse from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Do you support the $700 billion bailout?

Jessica Grevis
Freshman
Engineering

"I think they should take the $700 billion and distribute it to mortgag- owners"

"I think it's crazy if they are going to pretend that this is a free market but show favor towards specific companies."

Jason Melton
Sophomore
Philosophy and Sociology

Pete Livas
Senior
Sociology and Phychology.

"I really don't know a whole lot about it."

Cohen addresses ethics

Hira Gul
Staff Writer

Chancellor Howard Cohen shared his views on ethics during the third meeting for the Inspired Leaders Series on Tuesday.

"What a leader does ultimately is making decisions for other people," Cohen said.

Cohen lectured students on the types of ethics and their effects in leadership positions.

Regarding his definition of leaders being decision makers, Cohen shared ethical responsibilities with students that come with being an effective leader.

He highlighted differences between being ethical and moral which is considered interchangeable in daily use of the terms, according to Cohen.

Cohen also shared some of his favorite books on ethics and their teachings with students.

The lecture enlightened students on ethical terms, theories, classification of theories, the basics of leadership and related principles. Leadership dynamics, volunteerism and obligations were also discussed.

The question-and-answer session is where students shared their personal experience of ethical issues with authority figures.

Cohen said ethics in leadership is a concept well developed on paper but unpracticed duly in practical life.

The five contracted ethical obligations for leaders were mission focus, equal access, trustworthiness, engagement and professionalism, according to Cohen.

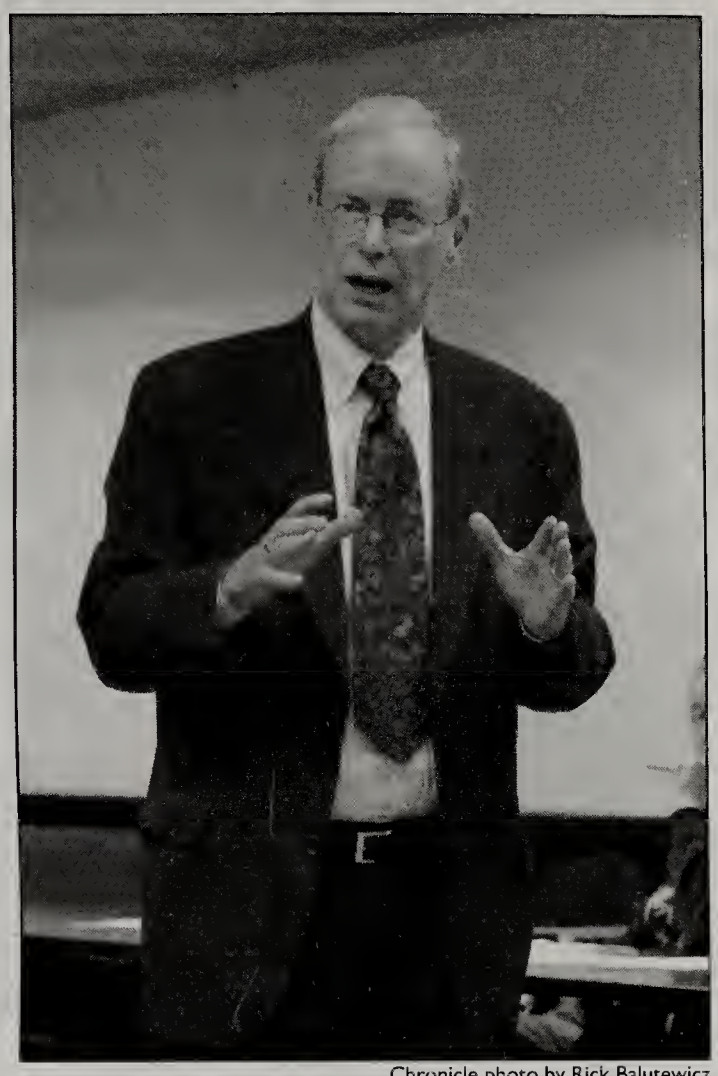
T he Inspired Leaders Series is open for everyone on campus, but is essentially part of a course offered by Communication Professor Dr. Lynda Willer.

It will be ongoing this fall semester with a total of six meetings. Students can obtain membership to gain silver, gold or platinum membership certificates.

Inspired Leaders Series Fall 2008

Oct. 16 - Ethical Leadership and Followership 5:00 p.m.
Oct. 28 - Leadership and Influence 5:00 p.m.
Nov. 11- Leadership and Diversity 5:00 p.m.
Nov. 14 - Alumni Leaders Day networking event 4:30 at Calumet Conference Center

All events held in SUL 321



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Chancelor Howard Cohen adresses students on the keys to persuading people to get involved in voluntary organizations during the Inspired Leaders Series.

Your candidates, your issues

This week's issue: Energy

Senator Barack Obama

- **Enact a Windfall Profits Tax to Provide a $1,000 Emergency Energy Rebate to American Families.**

Obama and Biden will enact a windfall profits tax on excessive oil company profits to give American families an immediate $1,000 emergency energy rebate to help families pay rising bills. This relief would be a down payment on the Obama-Biden long-term plan to provide middle-class families with at least $1,000 per year in permanent tax relief.

- **Increase Fuel Economy Standards.**

Obama and Biden will increase fuel economy standards 4 percent per year while providing $4 billion for domestic automakers to retool their manufacturing facilities in America to produce these vehicles.

- **Get 1 Million Plug-In Hybrid Cars on the Road by 2015.**

These vehicles can get up to 150 miles per gallon. Barack Obama and Joe Biden believe we should work to ensure these cars are built here in America, instead of factories overseas.

Senator John McCain

- **John McCain's Clean Car Challenge.** John McCain will issue a Clean Car Challenge to the automakers of America, in the form of a single and substantial tax credit for the consumer based on the reduction of carbon emissions. He will commit a $5,000 tax credit for each and every customer who buys a zero carbon emission car, encouraging automakers to be first on the market with these cars in order to capitalize on the consumer incentives.
- **John McCain Believes Alcohol-Based Fuels Hold Great Promise As Both An Alternative To Gasoline And As A Means of Expanding Consumers' Choices.** Some choices such as ethanol are on the market right now. The second generation of alcohol-based fuels like cellulosic ethanol, which won't compete with food crops, are showing great potential.
- **Today, Isolationist Tariffs And Wasteful Special Interest Subsidies Are Not Moving Us Toward An Energy Solution.** We need to level the playing field and eliminate mandates, subsidies, tariffs and price supports that focus exclusively on corn-based ethanol and prevent the development of market-based solutions which would provide us with better options for our fuel needs.

Sources: johnmccain.com and barackobama.com

Bailout

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suffering consumers. He said the best way to help those on Main Street is to help those on Wall Street first.

"The economic problem we have now is worse than in the Great Depression because we are in unknown territory now," Obi said.

"The only way the economy works is by people borrowing money and paying it back with interest," Obi said. "Right now there is a vast shortage of money in the United States."

By allowing institutions to acquire cash, he said this bill will ultimately stabilize the markets.

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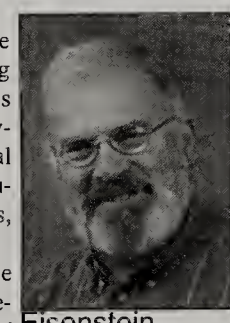
Pat Obi, professor of economics

Obi describes Northwest Indiana as "some the most immune parts of the country."

"We're not nearly as victimized here, primarily because home values didn't plunge as much," he said.

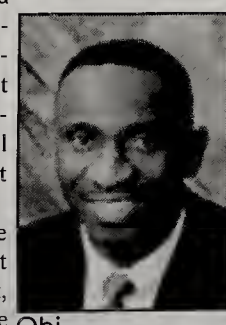
Still, nationwide banks are struggling even here, and that has implications for everyone from potential homeowners to students in need of loans, according to Obi.



Eisenstein

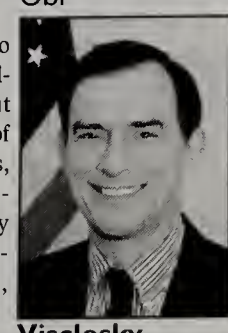
Professor Maurice Eisenstein, of the Department of History and Political Science, disagrees with the bill, especially due to the fact taxpayers in mostly unaffected regions will foot the bill for those hit hard.

"We didn't have the trouble and we're not going to get the benefit, but we'll get the bill," he said.



Obi

Eisenstein, who specializes in public policy, believes the bailout is a clear example of Keynesian Economics, the idea that government can spend its way out of a recession. According to Eisenstein, this is a failed idea.



Visclosky

"If you want economic stimulation you cut spending," Eisenstein said. "There's no reason for the government to be involved in the mortgage business."

According to Obi, many taxpayers' objection to the bill is unfounded since most of the $700 billion will be financed through foreign loans and government bonds over several years. Like senators Bayh and Lugar, Obi said the bailout is an unfortunate circumstance for the U.S. but that it had to be done now.

"I'd like to ask naysayers, 'what's your alternative'," Obi said.

Obi said there's only one way to make sure this doesn't happen again –more targeted regulation.

"Oversight is definitely called for and that's what we're getting," he said. "There's an independent nonpartisan board looking over it."

Eisenstein said he believes financial intuitions must stop making loans at 100 percent or even 125 percent of the home value, and that home ownership should be viewed as a privilege, not a right.

"Often times, these homeowners are losing their homes because they simply shouldn't have had it in the first place," he said.

It's not a bailout

Public support often depends on the rhetoric

Brian Bultema
Managing Editor

Some have called it a bailout, later it was titled a rescue plan and when it was officially passed it was penned as the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act.

Roach

Whatever you call it, rhetoric plays a huge part in gaining public support for political policies, accoring to Thomas Roach, professor in the Department of Communication and Creative Arts.

The quick passage of the bailout of Wall Street meant politicans had little time to devise a public -friendly term.

"The rhetoric of the bailout has been rather unsophisticated," Roach said.

Roach said politicians often try to craft language to appeal to their agenda. In this case, he said it was just a clear plea for help.

"Bailout, rescue package; it's clear Washington just wanted help," Roach said.

Pat Obi, professor in the Department of Finance and Economics, said bailout encourages a cynical outlook on the issue.

"The corret term is the Economic Stabilization Act," he said.

Keep politics out of the classroom

Ryan Metz
Sports Editor

Everyone can admit we have a fairly important vote coming up in the next month. The political chatter is front-and-center everywhere and deservedly so.

But the one place political talk should be unwelcome is the classroom. A professor pushing their political agendas on a captive student audience is distracting and neglects to facilitate any type of learning experience.

Whether it is the left-wing nut telling us that President Bush is the worst president of all-time or the contrary professor telling us Ann Coulter should be given serious consideration, it's all uncalled for. Professors only hinder the learning environment by spewing their views, which are often one-sided.

A lively political discussion can be welcomed if both sides of the spectrum are discussed, and often it can be a great learning experience for those who neglect to pay attention to the political scene. And certainly there are classes where the discussion is not only needed but required. But that's not what I'm talking about. I'm saying that an emotional and opinion-based rant brings nothing to help any of us.

In my experience, I've already heard professors say Democrat Barack Obama is the runaway answer for the coming election without reasons why. Republican John McCain was an afterthought and was neglected in the talk. The frustrating part of the discussion was there was a lack of substance or fact-based research telling me why this is the case.

The debate of censorship in the classroom has long been discussed and the same questions keep appearing: Should the election even come up in a partisan way? And what type of privacy should a student have when keeping their political perspectives?

Verbally abusing a student, who differs in their opinion, shockingly occurs often. That's when the professor should speak up and facilitate a better learning environment and a more welcoming one at that.

In 2007, an Arizona legislator even went as far as proposing a bill punishing public school teachers and professors for neglecting to be impartial in the classroom. It was thought to protect students who are afraid to clash with instructors.

Educating the generation sitting in classroom seats is a large responsibility for teachers and should be taken seriously. But indoctrinating their students to all their viewpoints is wrong and unfortunate.

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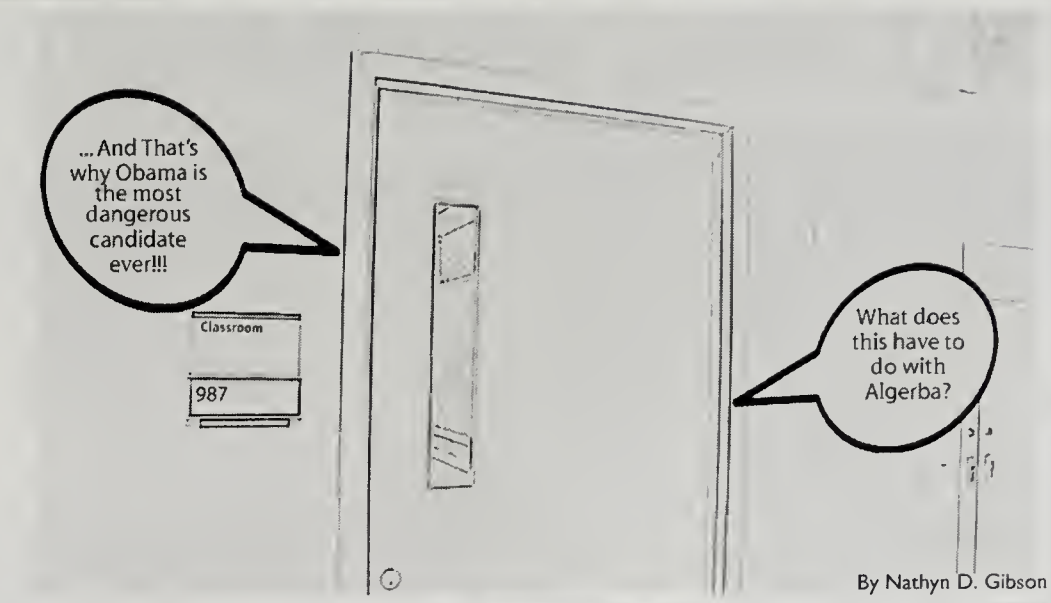
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A hasty bailout

The issue: The $700 billion bailout issued the government this week.

Our opinion: This problem dated several years. It didn't need a solution in the matter of weeks.

If you are a U.S. taxpayer, the government is throwing you a hefty tab this week after the $700 billion bailout was approved by the House of Representatives, and will surely be signed by President George W. Bush.

Secretary of the Treasury Henry Paulson estimated the bailout will cost taxpayers $5,000 per person. That's a huge issue no matter how much you care about politics.

Of course the government is borrowing a sizable portion of the money now as seen by new proposal to increase the national debt limit to $11.3 trillion. This decision by our elected officials will carry significant implications for years and decades.

Fortunately, we in the Region have not been decimated by the mortgage and credit crises yet. Home prices didn't skyrocket a year ago unlike many areas in the West before crashing down to reality. But now we are being charged an exorbitant fee like the areas hit hard by this crisis.

Like professor Maurice Eisenstein, of the Department of History and Political Science, said: "We didn't have the trouble around here and we're not going to see the benefit, but we'll get the bill."

Many investment banks, mortgage companies and even the federal government have termed this situation as a national crisis, a meltdown of our financial systems. Some have even made comparisons to the Great Depression.

These comparisons are an exaggeration of our present situation. We are nearing a recession but the crash of 1929 saw a 25 percent drop in just two days. As of Friday, the Dow Jones still sits well above 10,000 points despite large drops in recent days. This is roughly a 7 percent drop from what it had been for weeks before the country started talking bailout.

After the dot-com bust of 1999, the Dow rested below 9,000 points. President Clinton did not act and the market eventually picked up. A struggling economy doesn't necessarily constitute this panicked response by the government.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and Paulson both claimed the bailout was necessary immediately without stopping to consider spending an amount of money equivalent to total U.S spending in the war in Iraq. Additionally, they wanted no more regulation because the situation seems so dire.

Why has Congress become so gullible to these claims of such an unprecedented bailout?

A situation of such magnitude has such an easy solution – let the taxpayers decide. The nation is nearing Election Day and we could have waited to put this proposal on the ballot in November. It's easy for Congress to push through so much money, but when it's the taxpayers deciding to spend their own money it becomes realistic. All of the sudden $700 billion would actually mean something.

Unfortunately, taxpayers were not consulted and now we're paying for a lifeboat for these large financial institutions. Hopefully, many congressmen and senators will lose their jobs over pushing through such a proposal without taking the time to consider its ramifications for at least a few weeks.

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This week's question: Do you support the $700 billion bailout for the U.S. economy? Why or why not?

Hospitality not so hospitable

Katie Ramsey
Entertainment Editor

Maybe it's just me, but I feel customer service lately is in the crapper. This goes for restaurants, electronics stores and even the library.

I was at Buffalo Wild Wings about a month ago. It was around 11 p.m. and the restaurant closed at midnight. Some friends and I sat at the bar and ordered wings.

After about 20 minutes, I asked the bartender if they were ready. She rolled her eyes, walked to the kitchen, flopped the wings on the table and went back to cleaning the bar glasses. She neglected to give us refills, smile once or thank us for coming.

This is just one example of abysmal customer service recently. One that really surprised me occurred at the library last week. I went in excited about the annual book sale and by the time I left, I wanted to kick every little old lady I saw. No employee smiled and none had a semblance of personality.

At Best Buy last week, I was shopping for a laptop and the sales associates didn't care a lick that I needed some assistance. I spent a considerable amount of money and would have liked to have been treated with at least a little respect.

I have worked in customer service since I was 16 and understand most customers are difficult. I refuse to abide by the cute slogan "the customer is always right". I've been written up many times for this belief.

A lot of customers look down on people in the food industry. I think we're all seen as being at the bottom of the totem pole, and they treat us accordingly.

Some people that come through the drive-thru are prime examples. They will be on their phone, place an order without putting their precious cell down and get right back on when they're done.

My favorite is when they apologize to the important person on the other end for the interruption. To top it off, they get upset if their order is wrong. Of course it's our fault. I guess I should wait patiently for them to end their conversation next time.

Even though there are a lot of difficult customers, I try to be the best customer and worker I can be. I have my Kayne West smile on and usually say a warm hello, but I fail to understand why I get the cold shoulder as a guest or as a worker. Even though good customers are a rarity these days, I still appreciate them. So why doesn't everyone else?

Have feedback? Readers can contact Katie at chronicle_entertainment@yahoo.com or (219) 989-2547.

Decision comes down to preference

Mark Farner
Staff Writer

Authentic Indian cuisines are rare find in Indiana. Tandoor and Taste of India offer a chance for locals to experience the real taste of India. While both restaurants share an almost identical menu, the two have their distinct differences.

Tandoor's menu consists of traditional Indian specialties such as curry and rice. The Tandoori bread and chicken are especially delicious. The cooking method of using the Tandoor, a clay oven, gives all of the food a unique toasty taste.

Tandoor has a cozy atmosphere accentuated by the warm colors of the interior - red booths and tablecloths with yellow plaster wallpaper. The restaurant's alcoves and paintings have a certain appeal reminding the customer of a quaint Indian home.

There is an all-you-can-eat daily lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m as well as carry-out service. The buffet includes 15 items, including the Tandoori chicken. There are buffets for Sunday brunch and Monday night as well. For those seeking something different, there is Indian beer.

Taste of India offers almost exactly the same menu at slightly cheaper prices. Taste of India's buffet resembles Old Country Buffet, but much smaller, while Tandoor's buffet is simply a number of metal containers resting over flames. This is similar to those found at picnics or family reunions. Tandoor's traditional serving method resembles being in an Indian home rather than a restaurant.

Taste of India's atmopshere is slightly different with white tablecloths, black chairs and a fireplace on one side of the restaurant. The Taste of India is located in a strip mall, and its interior comes across much larger than Tandoor's.

The dishes include chicken, lamb, sea food, vegetables, bread and rice. Lentils, very popular in Indian cooking, can be found in soup, dumpling and vegetable dishes. Tandoori bread is a staple as well at Tandoor and Taste of India have many more bread choices than the usual restaurant.

It may be difficult to choose between Tandoor and Taste of India, considering their similar cuisine. It depends on personal preference, because choosing between the two is like choosing between a lemon and a lime; same taste, different appearance. Tandoor is the place for buffet specials and a quaint atmosphere. Taste of India is where to go for greater value and grander surroundings.

The Tandoor is located at: 1535 U.S. 41 in Schererville (219) 865-9511

The Taste of India is located at: 761 E. 81st Avenue in Merrillville (219) 755-4634

Chronicle photo by Rick Balutewicz

The Taste of India offers tasty dishes in a more intimate setting than the Tandoor.

Chronicle photo by Rick Balutewicz

The Tandoor will pertain more to those who are looking for a buffet style eatery.

T.I.'s latest CD vocalizes hard times

Darshei Goode
Staff Writer

With one of the most heavily anticipated albums to hit shelves to mark the end of the summer, there's no denying the fact that this album tops his previous album "T.I vs. T.I.P", simply by being content driven from the plot to the refined delivery. Released September 30, T.I carefully explains the logic behind his drama with every word of his new album "Paper Trail".

This album takes essential steps in explaining his story, redefining his past and portraying his future. His technical skills on the mic enhance his skills in terms of subject matter or topic diversity.

The album opens with the intro "56 Barz", which addresses his upcoming incarnation on gun charges with the swirling tornado of emotions one would expect from a man facing such an uncertain future. It's a somber and defiant start to the album, and it catches attention.

On this album are new hit singles "What Up, What's Happenin", which is his response to a rapper in competition, along with "Whatever You Like," which details the life he would like to offer for a lucky lady. Both songs are similar, yet different. They show his drive and passion in two different directions, applying for a significant other and never giving up in the face of question.

With a hypnotic church-like musical backdrop, "No Matta What" is a message of adversity and perseverance. This song becomes a window into T.I.'s real-life story, addressing his personal and legal problems and his supreme desire to overcome all obstacles in his way. Soothing with a blend of subtly rock-tinged horns and guitars, the listener will hope that T.I. finds his way out with a satisfying conclusion that helps him emerge a better man.

There is significantly more depth on this collection of songs. It is apparent that the deaths of both his longtime friend and infant daughter and pending prison time for firearms possession have inevitably matured his lyrical content.

Regardless of the outcome of reality, "Paper Trail" is a solid combination of rhyme, repentance, and substance; featuring artist like John Legend, Kanye West, Ludacris, and Jay Z.

Overal, this album has enough diversity to keep even the most itchy skip-tracking finger in check.

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T.I.'s new CD "Paper Trail", offers a mature side to the artist. Hehe gone through a lot and is still battling jail time. This album vocalizes his feelings.

Rest assured the singles, which are nicely apportioned throughout the album, will keep the most avid T.I. fan glued to their seats in anticipation his next work.

With this album applause is given to T.I. for finding the perfect balance of comedy and tragedy, swagger and humble attitude, pop music and hardcore hip-hop without jumping too far into the stereotype of rap today.

This CD is recommend for listeners that are looking for a message and an escape.

4/5 Overall Stars

Do you know what's ironic about Daniel Boone's legend?

Last week's answer: 40 percent

weekly trivia

Drake Younger gets the glory

Nathyn Gibson
Editor-in-Chief

Hundreds of people stood in attendance in Joliet last weekend to watch, what is considered by wrestling fans, to be one of the most prestigious wrestling events in the country.

The Independent Wrestling Association: Mid South presented the 2008 Ted Petty Invitational, a 24-man tournament in memory of the late Ted Petty who, throughout his career, wrestled under the name "Flyboy" Rocco Rock. Petty was known by wrestler to be able to use many different styles of wrestling.

The TPI has been going on since 2000, when it then called the Sweet Science 16. Past champions include BJ Whitmer, Chris Hero, Ace Steel, Mike Quackenbush, TNA wrestler A.J. Styles and Matt Sydal, who now competes in the WWE as Evan Bourne.

An invitation to participate in the TPI is considered by many a career accomplishment as only 24 wrestlers partake in the annual tournament.

"[Wrestlers] feel it is an honor to be invited to the TPI," said IWA MS owner Ian Rotten. Participants in this year's TPI included established and up-and-coming wrestlers including; Chuck Taylor, Claudio Castagnoli, Eddie Kingston, Chris Hero, Jimmy Jacobs, Ace Steel, Dave Taylor, Too Cold Scorpio, Sara Del Ray, Drake Younger, Sami Callihan, and Egotistico Fantastico .

The match between Dave Taylor and Claudio Castagnoli might be considered one of the best wrestling matches to take place this year. Talyor, who is a former WWE superstar, and Castagnoli went hold for hold with neither man gaining an advantage in the early portion of the match.

At the right moment, Castagnoli was able to hook Taylor in a backslide to score a pin. After the match, the 50-year-old Taylor was heard joking with fans about himself, telling them to, "go on the internet and tell wrestling fans this bastard can still go."

Casual wrestling fans would be surprised to see a female wrestler competing with men, but fans of Sara Del Ray weren't surprised to see the female wrestler achieve success in a tournament involving men as she has proven many times

"[This moment] hasn't hit me yet and it probably won't until next year."

Drake Younger, TPI champion

that she can hold her own against men.

Del Ray has been called the best female wrestler in the United States by fans and wrestlers alike. Trained by the "American Dragon" Bryan Danielson, Del Ray set her sights on winning the 2008 TPI.

Del Ray defeated stiff competition in the earlier rounds when she battled Trik Davis and Cassandro to advance to a semi-finals match against Castagnoli.

During the semi-final match it appeared as if Del Ray was going to make it to the finals when she was countered Castagnoli finishing move, the "Ricola Bomb", and reversed it into a cross arm bar, as the crowd chanted for Castagnoli to tap out.

Chronice photo by Nathyn Gibson

Drake Younger, as well as fellow wrestlers, breaks out into tears as fans got on their feet in celebration. Fans started to chant "you deserve it" as a sign of respect for the hard work that Younger has done in his career.

Castagnli was able to get out of the move and would eventually hit the "Ricola Bomb" to advance to the finals.

Some people were surprised with the success of Callihan. He is relatively new to IWA MS and has only been wrestling in that he has only been wrestling for two and a half years. Despite his lack of experience Callihan started to develop a cult following with the fans. In the rounds leading to the finals, Callihan defeated former TPI champion and Chris Hero, "The King of Diamonds" Eddie Kingston and performer 2 Cold Scorpio, a former ECW, WCW and WWE.

Callihan's matches stood out due the amount of stiff shots taken in the match. Chris Hero and Eddie Kingston have been known for stiff moves in the ring. Callihan's match with Kingston was especially stiff as both men refused to hold anything back in the ring. His match with 2 Cold Scorpio would end up being just as brutal, but Callihan was able to overcome the odds and advance to the finals.

In a non-tournament match, Jason Hades put the IWA Light Heavyweight title on the line in an I Quit/Steel Cage match against Jayson Quick. In the match, the only way to achieve victory was to make the other opponent utter the words "I quit." The match could be considered the most violent match in TPI history, as both men fought tooth and nail to achieve victory. Throughout the match, the use of a chair and a screwdriver came into play, causing both men to have their skin busted open during the match. After Hades's repeated beating, Quick had no other choice but to say "I quit."

The final match of the tournament pitted Claudio Castagnoli, Sami Callihan, and Drake Younger against each other in a triple-threat elimination match to determine the 2008 TPI Champion. During the match, Castagnoli took out Callihan when he swung Callihan into rows of chairs being used by the audience. A few moves later and Callihan was out of the tournament. When it came down to Younger and Castagnoli, the crowd was strongly behind Younger. Younger was able to overcome the odds and hit the Vertebreaker to become the 2008 TPI champion.

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"[This moment] hasn't hit me yet and it probably won't until next year," Drake explained. "[This trophy] means I'm more than just a hardcore wrestler." In the dressing room, the other wrestlers started applauding as Drake arrived backstage.

The TPI will be available on DVD within a few months. For more information go to: iwamidsouthwrestling.com

Chronice photo by Nathyn Gibson

In one of the decisive moments of the match, Drake Younger jumps off of the top rope and hits Claudio Castagnoli with a Frog Splash, during the finals of the 2008 TPI.

Chronice photo by Nathyn Gibson

Equipped with a steel chair, Jason Hades jumps off the top of the cage with the intent to cause damage to Jayson Quick, in their I quit/cage match for the IWA MS Light Heavyweight Championship.

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Sara Del Ray kicks Claudio Castagnoli in the chest during the semi-finals of the Ted Petty Invitation!

Check out pucchronicle this week for more photos of the matches

Destination on a dime

Stephanie Stern
Staff Writer

The changing of the leaves brings changes in options for weekend fun. A notable option is Montgomery Farms. Haunted houses, hayrides, pumpkin patches and haunted tours are just a few options available in the fall. Montgomery Farms in Underwood, IN, located about an hour-and-a-half south of Indianapolis, is an enjoyable weekend attraction.

Montgomery Farms is a fun place to go with many things to do for all age groups. The farm changed into an attraction after originally being a sweet corn farm. During the summer, a farmer's market opens with many kinds of fresh produce.

The fall brings the opening of the maze. The maze is an eight-acre corn maze and open forest. During the day the maze is a great place to bring children to let them explore.

www.senatorfarley.com

Montgomery Farms offers loads of activities for the brisk fall days. Try the haunted corn maze or pet a lovable farm animal at their petting zoo.

On Fridays and Saturdays until midnight, the maze comes to life. Actors portraying ghosts and goblins lurk, waiting to scare explorers. The maze transforms into an exciting experience for adults, with very little light, acres to roam and actors hiding.

There is more spooky entertainment on the farm. Friday and Saturday nights a haunted hayride is available. The hayride takes guests on a tour while telling ghost stories. Actors are ready for this scary option.

A hayride through the pumpkin patch is for those looking for a less scary adventure. Private bonfires are available but must be reserved in advance. A swing hangs in the loft and visitors can swing and jump into the hay. The petting zoo has many farm animals visitors can hand feed and pet.

A final stop can be made at the barn shop. The shop is adorned with a large selection of fall decorations including pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn and mums. They sell many different gifts and gift cards.

Jumping in the car and taking a ride to Underwood will show that while there is more than corn in Indiana, corn can sometimes be fun anyway.

For directions and more information go to: www.montgomery-farms.com

Flick not Ocsar worthy

media.filmschoolrejects.com

LeAnne Munoz
Staff Writer

Big Brother is watching, and possibly more than anyone realizes. "Eagle Eye" is a film that reminds audience members of that fact.

The opening scene of this film begins with a scenario that many action movies before have started with: the search for possible terrorist organizations. The United States military have supposedly found a known leader of a terrorist organization, which leads to a botched missile strike that ends with more consequences than anyone realizes.

Meet Jerry Shaw (Shia LeBouf), a Chicago slacker with a dead end job, struggling to pay his rent. After attending the funeral of his twin brother, Air Force Officer Ethan Shaw, Jerry visits his ATM to discover his once famished bank account is now full with $750,000.

Confused and with a possible new belief in miracles, Jerry goes home to discover his apartment crammed with enough U.S. Intelligence information to create as many bombs as he pleases. After being accosted by a head police officer Agent Thomas Morgan (Billy Bob Thornton) and receiving a phone call from an unknown woman telling him to run or he will be killed, ordinary Jerry Shaw is no longer ordinary, becoming a pawn in a dangerous game.

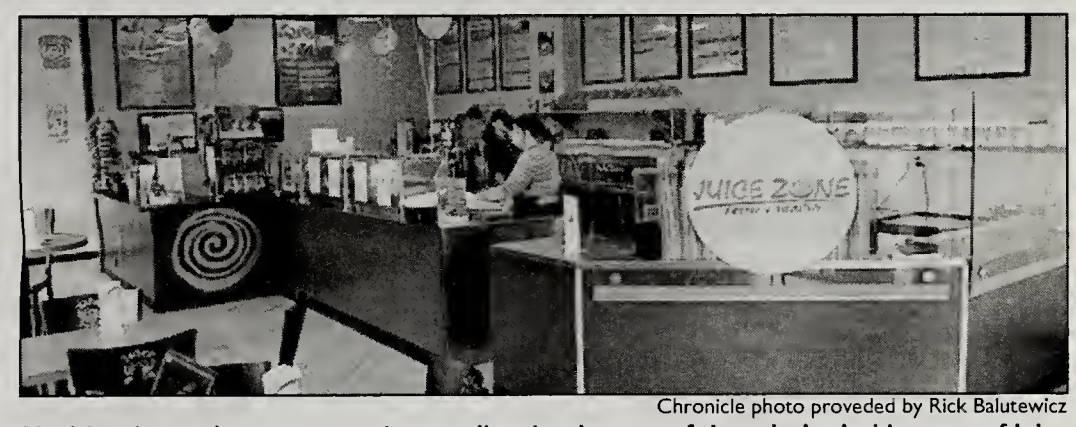
Intertwining with Jerry's story is Rachel Holloman (Michelle Monahan), a single mother of a young son just sent away to a music camp. She also receives a phone call from a mysterious woman bent on having her way or no way at all. Rachel and Jerry's lives are put into a series of hazardous situations, all of which have them running not only from the police, but from the very technology they use every day.

Director D.J. Caruso and executive producer Steven Spielberg succeed in making this a fast-paced film that makes the viewer wonder "what if?," but fail in making it a complete original. Fans of the 1983 classic "Wargames" and another LeBouf movie, "I Robot," will be able to predict many of the outcomes for these characters.

Improbable as the plot may be, the acting throughout the film is far more believable. LeBouf, in possibly the first completely adult role of his career, gives a substantial performance as Shaw and brings in a likeability and heart that is not expected from the character. Thornton also gives a high-quality performance as Agent Thomas Morgan by introducing a sarcastic humor to his dialog that is well appreciated after dozens of sometimes unnecessary explosions and action scenes.

Overall, while this film won't be seeing any Oscar buzz, it certainly is interesting and exciting enough to see once.

Panera meets Jamba Juice



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Healthy alternatives may sounds appealing, but beware of the calories inside some of Juice Zone's options. They may have more than a burger from McDonald's!

Katie Ramsey
Entertainment Writer

Many food establishments these days are jumping the healthy alternative bandwagon. Jamba Juice is a healthy fruit smoothie place offering tasty beverages with energy boost options. Panera Bread offers healthy deli sandwiches (if there's no mayonnaise on multi-grain bread) along with soups and bagels. It seems the two have mated to create Juice Zone.

Juice Zone offers real fruit smoothies like mango madness which includes passion-orange, guava juice, mango sorbet, mangos, non-fat yogurt and bananas. Sound too fruity? Try the chocolate monkey. It sounds like a calorie-packed treat, but it includes yummy and healthy ingredients like chocolate soy milk, vanilla frozen yogurt, bananas and peanut butter. Drooling yet?

The deli offers such delectable entrees as an Asian chicken wrap which includes chicken breast, lettuce, mandarin oranges, sliced almonds, crispy noodles and sesame vinaigrette accompanied by a whole wheat wrap. Need something more American? Try the smoked ham and Swiss Panini including smoked ham, lettuce, red onion, tomato, Swiss cheese and fat-free mayonnaise.

Although Juice Zone advertisements boast about its healthy options, there's still an alarming 438 calories in the turkey pesto Panini. Smoothies fool many consumers into thinking they're all natural without additives. This thought is generally untrue at any of these smoothie places. The body builder with protein offered at Juice Zone has a whopping 827 calories. Maybe that split-second decision to grab McDonald's instead wasn't such a bad idea.

Juice Zone offers healthy alternatives, but also offer daily soups such as broccoli and cheddar. Although it's absolutely delicious, it has about as many calories as a hamburger from the golden arches.

Dieters try to take away all temptations. An unsuspecting victim might spot this soup or one of Panera's double chocolate chunk cookies and have a major meltdown. The baked goods stare out at the customers in line leaving them helpless.

Juice Zone sells healthy foods along with unhealthy ones. Consumer beware, these healthy alternatives have potential, but avoid diving in without checking the nutrition information.

Juice Zone is located at: 2427 Ridge Road Highland, IN 923-6555

This week in the Yjear

YJean Chambers HALL

TUE	10.7		Purdue Vocal Company rehearsal
FRI	10.10	10-noon	Acting Classes monologues

Police Blotter

09.29.08 – SUL – Unknown Time

Theft - Unknown person took a metal cart The Chronicle uses to distribute newspapers. They believe the cart was borrowed without permission

Open

09.29.08 – ALC– Unknown Time

Theft - Victim left his book bag at a computer and left the room for a couple of minutes. Upon returning, a small amount of USC and a calculator was missing. No suspects or leads at this time.

Closed

10.02.08 – Potter – 7:40 p.m.

information - Grounds personal, while doing a morning cleaning located an unspent .32 caliber bullet in the parking lot near porter. Unknown where it come from

Closed

10.02.08 – P-1 Parking – 10:25 a.m.

Safty Issue - Vehicle found parked that was leaking gasoline. Vehicle was moved and lot cleaned off with oil dry.

Closed

10.02.08 – UV – 9:20 p.m.

Victim advised they had recieved approximately 30-35 calls from an unknown male. Victim advised she had no clue who the subject was and that the phone calls had stopped as of now. She will call police if this subject starts calling again.

Closed

Sudoku Easy

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October 8
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Thursday
October 9
Partly Cloudy
66°/48°

Friday
October 10
Mostly Sunny
68°/52°

Saturday
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Partly Cloudy
66°/46°

Sunday
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Mostly Cloudy
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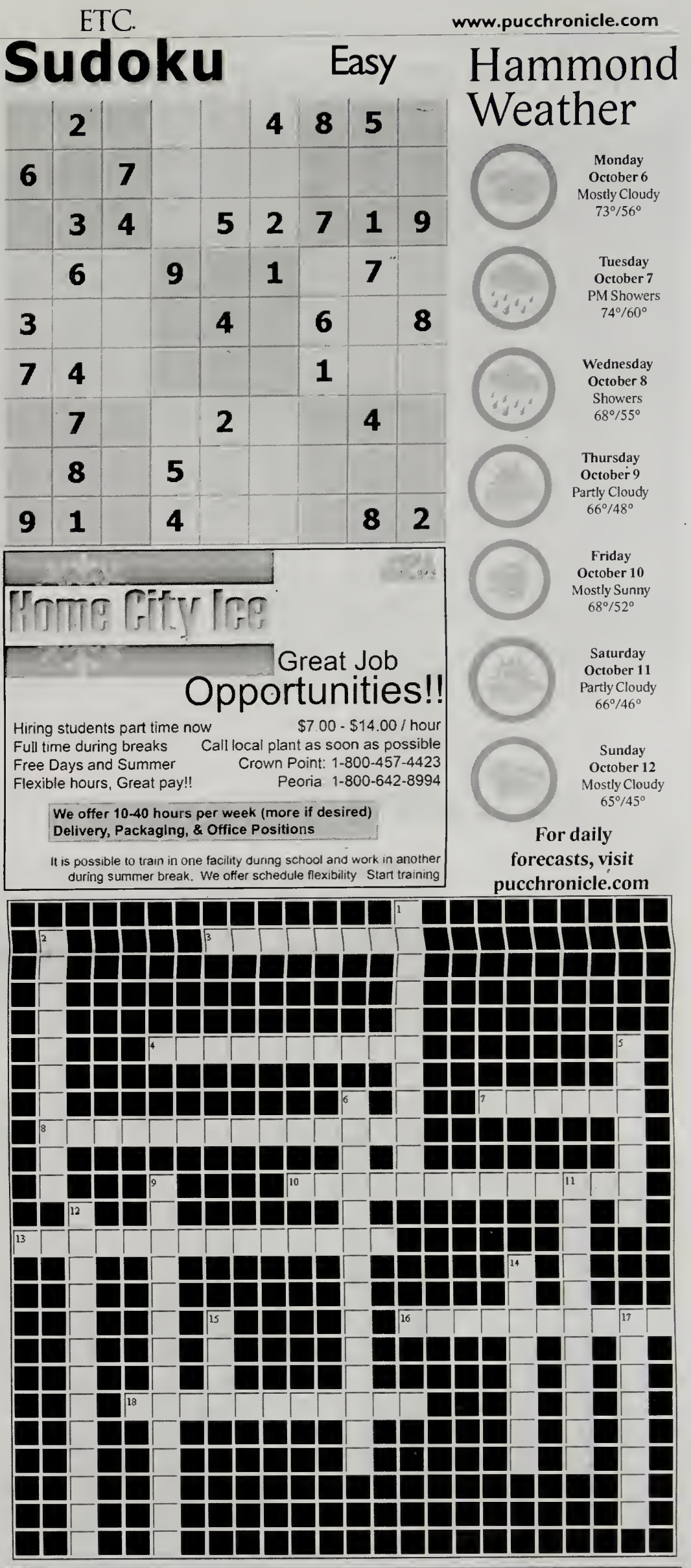
Hip Hop and Rap



Across

3. 2Pac went undert this name when he released The Don Killuminati: The 7 Day Theory, The last album before his death.
4. In 1995, this rock band performed a cover of Grandmaster Flash's song "White Lines"
7. Their album "The Score" reached the billboard 200 in 1996 while delivering songs like "Killing Me Softly" and "Ready or Not"
8. Ironically, this was the name of the Notorious B.I.G.'s last record before his death.
10. Their song "Rapper's Delight" has been called the song that popularized hip hop in the United States
13. His song Ridin' reached #1 on the Hot 100 in 2006
16. The Roots collaborated with this soulful artist to create the song "You Got Me" in 1999.
18. Mike Epps makes a cameo this T.I. music video

Down

1. Before his death in 2000, due to a heart attack, this Latino rapper created a hit wit "Still Not a Player"
2. Talked about how "Cash Rules Everything Around Me."
5. Grandmaster Flash released this 1982 single and it is credited as one of the greatest hip hop songs of all time.
6. Coolio's hit "Gangsta Paradise" appeared on the soundtrack for this movie.
9. Money Maker was the first single off of this Ludacris album.
11. This pair of jeans was created by Nelly and was made reference to in Flo Rida's song "Low"
12. Jay-Z sampled the Broadway musical Annie to make this song
14. This record company was founded by Suge Knight and Dr. Dre.
15. The Ying Yang Twin's "Whisper Song" also goes by this name
17. Kanye West sampled this band's song "Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger" to make his song Stronger

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The Vets spike a way to win

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Ashley Eaves, a freshman broadcasting major, serves the ball on Thursday during intramural volleyball.

Intramural volleyball plays regular season before playoffs begin on Nov. 20.

Odie Gray
Staff Writer

In the North court, the Vets challenged the outnumbered Chi-City V-Stars. At first the game was of course lopsided because the V-Stars were short a couple players but a little later in the game, Yesenia Moralese, made a bit of an impact sliding and diving across the gym floor in an all out effort to bring her struggling team back.

The Vets went on to win behind the play of Ashley Eaves, who was confident after the win.

Intramural Schedule:

Monday, Oct. 6
4-on-4 Flag Football
7:00 p.m.
Location PUC Gym

Tuesday, Oct. 7
Badminton
7:30 p.m.
Location: PUC Gym

Thursday, Oct. 9
Co-ed Volleyball
7:15 p.m.
Location: PUC Gym

Monday, Oct. 13
Baking Contest
Judging starts at
4 p.m.

Team Ram Rod victorious in flag football

Marvin Jackson
Chronicle Correspondent

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Mountaineer player, Ryan Shimala. a freshman business major, escapes through the defense of Team Ram Rod on Thursday at intramural football.

The intramural flag football season got off to a few hiccups this year, and last Monday, Sept 29, it was the first official full week of scheduling said Matt Dudzik, intramural coordinator. There was a full slate of games on Monday, but none was more exciting than the Mountaineers vs. Team Ram Rod.

Team Ram Rod quarterback, Mike Jacobi, started the game with an interception on the second play from scrimmage and the next play thereafter threw a touchdown strike to put his team on the board first.

The Mountaineers would respond with a score of their own after receiving an extra set of downs on an offsides call on the defense. Then a great defensive break up for Team Ram Rod forced a turnover on downs. Jacobi stretched the Ram Rod defense with his deadly arm for the deep score. Jacobi then intercepted a Mountaineer pass right before the half to keep the score tied at 21.

Team Ram Rod received the ball at the beginning of the second half and a heads-up QB sneak sets up the go ahead score 28-21 in favor of Ram Rod. Jacobi looked like a Heisman nominee for Team Ram Rod at QB, buying time with his legs and making precise passes. Jacobi would score, again, and Ram Rod would enjoy a 35-21 lead but not for long. The Mountaineers would get a quick-play strike on first and two completions to pull within one score, and then would sustain a drive and punch it in on a QB sneak.

With 3:50 remaining, Ram Rod had the ball in a tied game and their leader Jacobi would drive them to take the lead with less than a minute on the clock. But the Mountaineers would not go down with out a fight and tied the contest up with less than a minute to go. Mike Jacobi, a former soccer player who went 5-for-5 in field goal attempts in intramural play in previous years, but was unsuccessful in kicking a potential game winner that would eventually sail wide left. Sudden death overtime was needed to decide a winner.

The Mountaineers would get the first possession in sudden death, but a defensive sack would force a punt and Jacobi would take care of the rest. Running and throwing all over the fatigued Mountaineer defense for the game winning score.

Additional honorable mentions in Monday's games were Sammy Sayles for the Fantasik 4, leading his team to a deciding victory against the fervent Chris Dravet of the Heroes of Ours. Chris Morones, star receiver for Highland proved too much against Team Mayhem. Team speed and a well executed game plan lead the Mercenaries to a wide margin victory against the Big Test Icicles. And Matt Greichunos for the Good ol' Boys needed all 20 minutes to eek out a win against Paul Mlynarczyk and his Enforcers.

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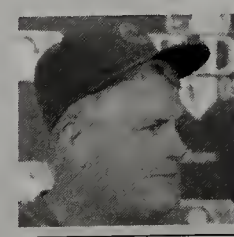
Quote of the week

"Let me tell you this: You can play postseason baseball for now to another hundred years, but if you score six runs in three games, it's going to be another hundred years before we win."



Cubs manager Lou Piniella, following the NLDS sweep

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Hockey without the ice

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Students play intramural floor hockey at the REC Center gym last Tuesday.

Reinsdorf adds another accomplishment

Getty Image

Team owner Jerry Reinsdorf and Jim Thome celebrate after the Sox beat the Twins to win the AL Central.

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Six NBA Championships and a World Series ring. These may sound like the accolades of a superstar athlete, but they are all feats accomplished by current Chicago Bulls and White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf.

Reinsdorf has owned the White Sox since 1981 and the Bulls since 1985. Before becoming the owner of the two teams in the Windy City, he was born in Brooklyn, New York. Reinsdorf graduated from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and earned a law degree from Northwestern University.

Since taking over for both the Sox and the Bulls, Reinsdorf has taking initiative in turning both teams into respectable franchises. He was responsible for the construction of the United Center, the current home for the Bulls as well as the Blackhawks, which opened in 1994, as well as the new Comiskey Park (now U.S. Cellular Field) which opened its doors in 1991. Both stadiums provide a great experience for fans and players.

In the community, Reinsdorf helped create the White Sox and Bulls Training Academy, which help teach and mentor kids in playing basketball and baseball.

Since becoming owner of the teams, Reinsdorf has also taken a lot of criticism from fans and sports writers. After winning six championships throughout the 90's, many blame Reinsdorf for allowing former Bulls general manager Jerry Krause to break up the team by not attempting to bring back Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Dennis Rodman or head coach Phil Jackson at the end of the 1998 season.

Many White Sox fans blame Reinsdorf for giving up on the White Sox, as well. In 1997, the team made a trade deadline move, sending pitchers Wilson Alvarez, Danny Darwin, and Roberto Hernandez to the San Francisco Giants for several prospects. Being only 3.5 games back of the first place Cleveland Indians at the time of the move, most fans didn't understand the point of the deal being made.

Despite the many ups and downs throughout his 27 years of owning two professional sports teams in Chicago, he has been named to the Chicago Historical Society, the Chicago Jewish Sporting Hall of Fame, and even the Chicago Sports Hall of Fame. No matter how you look at him, Jerry Reinsdorf is one of the most influential and talked about sports figures in Chicago, despite never scoring a basket or hitting a home run.

NATIONAL LAMPOON SPORTS MINUTE

The Indiana Pacers are trying to trade Jamaal Tinsley. The team knew it was time to part with him when he asked for his entire 2009 salary to be paid in singles.

The Mets are currently selling their Shea Stadium dugout for $100,000. They're also selling their bullpen for 87 cents.

Olympic officials said the gold-winning Chinese gymnasts were in fact old enough to compete. The girls received the good news at their Hannah Montana sleepover.

Nuggets coach George Karl wants Carmelo Anthony to pass more. It's going to be a tall order since the only time Anthony passes is when he puffs twice first.

And Wiley Publishing has just released another printing of Football for Dummies. The Lions are hoping to have a copy in their hands sometime before Sunday.

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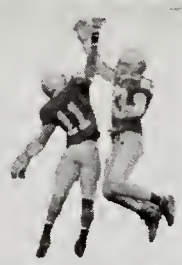

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Weekly High Five

3 biggest choke jobs in sports

1 Bill Buckner in 1986 World Series

The Mets' Mookie Wilson hit a slow ground ball to first base that went under the glove of Boston's first basemen Bill Buckner in the Game 6. The Mets extended the Series and went on to win.

2 Chris Webber in 1993 NCAA Champ.

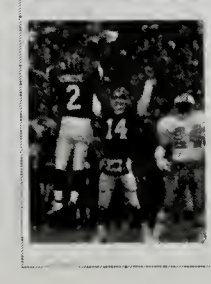
When Michigan's All-American sophomore forward, rebounded Pat Sullivan's missed free throw with 19 seconds left, he dribbled across midcourt and called a time-out, the only problem being Michigan didn't have any time-outs. UNC went on to win the game.

3 Jean Van de Velde in 1999 British Open

Needing to make only a 6 on the par-4 18th hole at the British Open. Van de Velde hit one shot off the bleachers, dumped another into the water, chunking yet one more into a bunker before finally making a triple-bogey 7. Paul Lawrie eventually went on to win the tournament in a playoff.

4 Chicago Cubs in 2003 NLCS

In Game 6, of the NLCS, the Cubs were five outs away from going to the World Series before the Bartman incident and six unearned runs later, eventually losing the game and losing Game 7 the following day.



5 Houston Oilers in 1992 NFL playoffs

Leading the Buffalo Bills, 35-3 at halftime, the Bills rallied in the second half and defeated the Oilers, 41-38. The comeback in the AFC divisional game is often called the greatest comeback in NFL history.

Another year, another heartache

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The Cubs thought that they had taken care of all the essentials for the big date.

Bought dinner and flowers: In the form of snagging Kosuke Fukudome out of Japan for four-years, $48 million and re-signing Carlos Zambrano to a five-year, $91.5 million dollar deal as well last year. Taken care of all the plans: In the form of wrapping up the division title in plenty of time to set up the pitching rotation for the playoff run. All while heeding the sage advice from their uncle: In the form of their manager, Lou Piniella, who brings 20 years of managerial experience, along with a World Series title.

So right when the Cubs puckered up for that postseason kiss....SMACK.

Inn the form of a Dodgers' back hand that sent the Cubs, along with their hopeful fans reeling in a state of...What just happened?

For the 100th consecutive season, its wait 'til next year. A stellar 97 win season through the course of six months was derailed in four quick days in a flameout of epic proportion.

The Cubs' nine straight playoff losses have Cubbie fans searching for answers, while enduring one more heartache.

The best team in the National League since Opening Day not only trickled the potential down their leg, they did so while playing their worst ball at the wrong time of the year.

This one will be hard to forget. Whether it was all the walks given up in Game 1, the errors in the field in Game 2 or the lack of hitting in Game 3, it all added up to a Dodgers' sweep. The Dodgers played better baseball and it showed. The re-vamped Dodgers after the acquisition of Manny Ramirez dominated the series and gave absolutely no hope to the Cubs.

Piniella most certainly will be questioned for the coming months, although scoring only 12 runs in six post-season games in back-to-back years is never a recipe for success.

The streaky Alfonso Soriano should just go ahead and buy an 11 month calendar, because apparently producing in October isn't worth his time.

But the problem is simple. The 162 game season is thrown out the door with the first pitch of the playoffs and resting on your laurels will get you nowhere.

Timely hitting and clutch pitching wins playoff games, and it always has and always will.

So a team that insists that it doesn't believe in any type of curse, sure is left with a lot of questions after that series.

Have feedback? Readers can contact Ryan Metz at chronicle_sports_editor@yahoo.com or call 989-2547

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National League Division Series
Cubs vs. Dodgers

Game 1

Winning Pitcher: Derrick Lowe (1-0)
Losing Pitcher: Ryan Dempster (0-1)

	R	H	E
Dodgers	7	8	1
Cubs	2	9	1

Pivotal Point
After jumping out 2-0, Cubs' pitcher Ryan Dempster loaded the bases in the fifth inning and James Loney delivered on the go-ahead grand slam.

Game 2

Winning Pitcher: Chad Billingsley (1-0)
Losing Pitcher: Carlos Zambrano (0-1)

	R	H	E
Dodgers	10	12	0
Cubs	3	8	4

Pivotal Point
Each Cubs' infielder made an error during the game and the Dodgers scored four unearned runs in the second inning to jump ahead 5-0.

Game 3

Winning Pitcher: Hiroki Kuroda (1-0)
Losing Pitcher: Rich Harden (0-1)

	R	H	E
Cubs	1	8	1
Dodgers	3	6	0

Pivotal Point
The Dodgers' clutch hitting continued, as first baseman James Loney, hit a two-run double in the first inning off of Cubs' starter Rich Harden.

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